African American Lesbian Gay Alliance
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THE ATLANTA CHAPTER
BLACK LESBIANS AND GAYS
GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 1986
DUNWOODY, GEORGIA

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Carolyn Mobley.

OPENING REFLECTIONS: After individual greetings, each person introduced themselves briefly. The main items on the agenda were Organizational Structure, Election of Officers, Organization Name and Permanent Meeting Location.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bi-Laws Committee Report: Perusal of NCBLG Bi-Laws were instrumental in constructing Organizational structure. Proposed Bi-Laws were presented for group approval. Each member present was given a copy of the Draft. Approval pending review by membership.

Kwanzaa Committee Report: The First Annual Celebration would be held at the home of Joy & Armeater, December 31, 1986, 9:00 p.m. Ceremony would began at 11:00 p.m. Members were asked to prepare various dishes for the occasion. Festivities would commence at Midnight.

NEW BUSINESS:

Organizational Structure:

- General consensus to become an autonomous group affiliated with the National Headquarters of NCBLG, Washington, D.C.
- We rejected the traditional names of Office for a Board of Directors by popular vote.
- The Board of Directors will consist of seven(7) members equally sharing responsibility for leadership.
- The Board of Directors will select two(2) of its members to serve as Co-Chairs (1 male, 1 female).
- Each Board Member will serve as a CHAIR of a committee to accomplish various goals of the organization.
- The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be appointed by Board.
- Term of Office will be one(1) year.

Election of Officers:

- Election was held by secret ballots.

- The nominations were as follow; George Arons, Hal Carter Anthony Clark, Nadine Cobbs, Louise Covington, Chuck Cummings Joy Hunter, Benita McShan, Carolyn Mobley, Duncan Teague Marquis Walker, and Ron Wilkinson.
- Those elected to serve for 1987 are; Hal Carter, Anthony Clark Louise Covington, Chuck Cummings, Joy Hunter, Carolyn Mobley and Marquis Walker.
- It was agreed that the Board would review the Bi-Laws for approval.

Name of Organization:

_ Name will be selected at Kwanzaa Celebration.

Meeting Location:

- All general meetings will be held in centrally located public places.
- By popular vote we decidedto secureinformation on the following sites;
  Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
  Collection of Life & Heritage Museum
  Paschal Bros. Motel
  Festival Lounge

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jim Harlows'letter and donation($100.00) presented by Carolyn Mobley.
Cost of Non-Profit Exemption Status/ Corporation = $108.00+ .
Jim Harlow is Chair of the Atlanta March Committee and is seeking our participation. LET'S GIVE HIM A HAND!

CLOSING REFLECTIONS: Challenge to the entire body to move to greater openess and visability. Continue thinking about a name for group. Installation of Board Members. Fellowship.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Wilkinson
Carolyn Mobley
Marquis Walker

MDW
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Minutes of AALGA General Meeting
Sunday, April 2, 1989

Call to order by Co-chair Charles Nelson 4:25 pm

Individuals present:20

Board members present: Carolyn, Charles, Henri, Joan, Michael, Ron

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting moved outside to the lawn of the Quaker House to take advantage of a glorious Spring day.

Verbal recap of the March general meeting and the first meeting of the new Board of Directors by the presiding Co-chair.

Old Business

Joining National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays- It was announced that in order to raise the two hundred dollars needed for AALGA to become a member of NCBLG each member of the Board would pay their 1989-1990 dues early

1990 National Black Lesbian/Gay Leadership Conference- Atlanta is the designated site of the NBLGLC and AALGA will be the host organization. The conference will run from February 16-19. AALGA primary role will be:

1. To provide 75-100 volunteers to help with the conference
2. To obtain leads on hotels where the conference may be held. The hotel must be able to accommodate 10 simultaneous workshops and have a meeting space large enough to hold 400 to 500 people. The NBLGLC does not want to deal with companies who have holdings in South Africa and would prefer to deal with a Black owned business.
3. To put the participants of the Conference in touch with the cultural side of Atlanta

New Business

Suggestions were asked for ideas of programs that could be presented at future AALGA general meetings. Possible topics suggested:

1. Women's music and Men's music
2. Health issues: AIDS, general health maintenance, wellness issues, a health panel
3. Gay and lesbian parenting
4. Political awareness and the politics of the city
5. Outreach to the Black community
6. A dialogue with traditional Black organizations
7. Outreach to Transpersons and Crossdressers (for the NBLGLC it was suggested that outreach to this community start now to bring in their input on the ground level)
8. Insurance information
9. Financial planning information
10. Orientation for new members at the beginning of each meeting
11. Positive opening and closing statements such as "As proud of our Gayness as we are of our Blackness"

Volunteers were asked for the four major areas that AALGA has been divided into Membership, Service and Education, Fundraising, and Publicity.

A discussion on the relationship of the Men's Caucus and the Women of Color Caucus to AALGA ensued. No definite relationship was defined and it was agreed that the Board would approach the caucuses to get clarification on how they wish to define their relationship to AALGA. It was suggested that whatever the relationship defined by the organizations it would be nice to have a verbal report of what goes on in the caucus meetings at the AALGA general meeting.

The Quaker House will no longer be available for general meetings and a new permanent location is being sought.

Atlanta Mayoral candidate Maynard Jackson would like to schedule a meeting with AALGA.

Time was given for announcements after New Business.

Adjournment: 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Robin Randall

AFRICAN AMERICAN LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 10,1989

AGENDA

Call to Order:

Opening Reflections:

Minutes of March board meeting

Old Business:

- affiliate chapter of NCBLG
- responses from membership calls
- strategy meeting with co-chairs

New Business:

- new location for AALGA's general meeting
- coordinators proposals/reports
- Gay Pride week June 16 - 27
- Maynard Jackson's meeting with AALGA
- May family picnic May 21
- PHIL Wilson, NCBLGLC coordinator

Announcements:

- Gay 90's committee representative from AALGA
- Candle Light AIDS Memorial

Closing Reflections:

Adjournment:

A.A.L.G.A. BOARD MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1989

WHAT IS A.A.L.G.A. TO YOU NOW?

1. Can be whatever it can be. Perception is that it's political. Take a lead in different activities. Board do not govern - it's here to serve. Original perception of body has not changed.

2. Can be whatever it can be. Accepted responsibility to work with own people. Hoping concerns will be dealt with of membership. There is no exclusion of any person from helping body from do it's job. We should reflect the needs of the membership.

3. Network of Gays and Lesbians. Focus has changed from original purpose - narrow target of community/aim of group. Ready to narrow focus of body. Can not have Board members do "everything." Issue of dues/membership must be addressed. Male and females need to meet together.

4. Body is a "forum" to address issues in the community...political, social issues...social outlet. Body can become specific in purpose if needed.

5. An organization that has allowed personality conflicts to make body not effective.

6. Struggling child...trying to achieve its shape and direction. Succeeding in process in creating structure for the body...group needs to be focused but to be open to the needs of the membership.

IS A.A.L.G.A. A DEMOCRACY? SHOULD A.A.L.G.A. BE AN OUT ORGANIZATION?

1. Yes..group is a democracy. Body needs to be out, yet the body needs to by a safe place where people can be themselves if they are not out.

2. Group should be similar to the structure of a nuclear family...there is a head (Board) but the decisions are shared by all. Yes to being out.

3. Yes...group needs to be out....but people have the right to be in the closet. Body is not truly a democracy...Board represents group.

4. Open process, with people having an equal say...having free choice to belong or not to belong. Organization needs to be out but individuals can still be in closet.

5. Membership should be encouraged to be out. Problem is in trusting each other with the knowledge of one's orientation. Coming to a meeting is a statement about coming out. Board is not an active advocate group...there needs to be a restructuring of the core/of the group.

WHAT IS A.A.L.G.A. BOARD TO BE - WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

1. Board is responsible for setting direction/framework. Organization is responsible for success. There must be commitment from the group.

2. Board is responsible...where the buck stops. Board members stand out as the end process.

3. Membership should be comfortable with what the Board is doing in its name. Board is responsible for planning and implementation and even all functions. There is a need for structure. There is not a personal responsibility for failure, but should be willing to take personal responsibility when its is person's role and job not carried out.

A.A.L.G.A. BOARD
QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. In terms of Gay and Lesbian issues as they relate to the African American Community, what would you see as the greatest personal need to have addressed during the coming year?

2. Knowing A.A.L.G.A.'s history, both as they have been handed down from the beginning of the organizations and in terms of recent history, what would you see as our greatest strength?

   Our greatest weakness?

3. Given our general by-laws as on organization, what are the top five (5) priorities that you would like to see A.A.L.G.A. accomplish during the coming year to two years? (Please rank in order of importance)

   a.

   b.

   c.

   d.

   e.

AALGA

Board Meeting

Monday, September 11, 1989

The AALGA Board held its regular monthly meeting on the above date at 7:30pm in our meeting space (St. Anthony's). Charles Nelson and Sabrina Sojourner presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The discussion of committee for the Marquis Walker Humanitarian Award Dinner were put in place.

****The Selection Committee:

Michael Black, Chairman
Walter Bland
Madame Edna Brown
Mercedes Wright King
(Minnie McTerry - alternate)
Carolyn Mobley

Nominee information is to be received by September 21, 1989 and the committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday, September 24 (time to be announced). Sabrina is to contact each nominee by telephone and a letter is to follow-up. Michael is to contact Morticai Etchinson (glass blower) to make the award.

****The Program Committee:

Ricky Wilson, Chairman
Mark Paige
Raymond Egana
Michael Roland
Jason Johnson
Janet Walker

The program committee is to note that Eleanor Russell is Toastmistress and Michael Roland is Toastmaster. This committee will structure the entire evening from start to finish and coordinate the entertainment.

****The Publicity Committee

Duncan Teague
Sabrina Sojourner

This committee will design flyers and press releases.

The sale of tickets are $15 for AALGA's paid members; $25 for non- members; and $40 for couples. Tickets are also to be on sale at Charis Books & More as well as from AALGA members. (Charis also receives 4 complimentary tickets.)

Designated table captains are:

Michael Black
Walter Bland
Madame Edna Brown
Joan Garner
Maynard Jackson
Michael Lomax
Henri McTerry
Carolyn Mobley
Charles Nelson
Sabrina Sojourner
Duncan Teague
Ron Wikins

On October 1,1989 ad deposit is due to Lanier Plaza for the dinner.

The meeting was adjourned.

Madame

Madame Edna Brown, Secretary

AALGA
General Meeting
Sunday, October 1, 1989

The regular monthly meeting of AALGA was held on the above date in its regular meeting space (St. Anthony's) at 4:00pm. Charles Nelson presided.

A round table introduction of new and regulars was done.

Duncan Teague gave the Program Committee report. The entire program was read. It was suggested that the "moment of silence" be moved from after the dinner to before the dinner because it would invite the spirits of those who cannot be with us and those who have gone on. It was also recommended that there be a consistency of the theme.

Ron Wilkins and Fred Ware are to work on a banner for the dinner.

Carolyn Mobley gave a briefing on the Selection Committee. This committee is to meet tonight to make the decision. It was the concensus of the group that the winner be announced shortly thereafter.

Sabrina Sojourner gave the Publicity Committee report. The PSA's have been mailed.

She also announced that the Health Department wants to do a survey on the Black gay male and will pay for AALGA postage. We will NOT release our mailing list but will accept to address the envelopes ourselves.

Joan Garner gave the report that tickets are ready and that each member should be responsible for selling.

A presentation of the Prevention Awareness League (PAL) was given by Joe Atkinson.

National Coming Out Day is October 11,1989. AALGA will be included in an ad purchased by MACGLO in the Atlanta Journal/Constitution. T-shirts for this day are on sale at $15 each.

On October 15, 1989 at 10pm, HBO will air "Pieces of the Quilt" which is a documentary on the AIDS quilt. HBO parties should be hosted for those who don't have the chanel.

Carolyn Mobley gave the Maynard Jackson Campaign report. Volunteers are needed to make phone calls through Tuesday, October 3rd to call citizens to be sure they are voting.

On October 22nd, a wine and cheese reception is being held for the gay community to announce the Gay Leadership Conference in February. The reception is from 3pm until 5pm and the place will be announced. Phill Wilson will be here for this affair. The conference committee is to meet next week; Charles is to call committee members to see what date is best for them.

Joe Atkinson volunteered to help resurrect the newsletter (CROSSROADS) and to share updates on AIDS. A computer for this has been located by Ron Wilkins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Duncan needs more surveys completed. He is also doing Regional PR for the conference.

* "Combatting Homophobia in the Church and Society" is a workshop to be held November 1 at St. Anthony's.

* November 4th Kate Clemmins is performing at Charis and Atlanta Connection. Tickets are $14.

* An ad in the Atlanta Business & Professional Guild will cost AALGA $58 and is advantageous for us to have.

* Hillside International Truth Center on Cascade Road has open doors for all who wants to attend.

* AALGA membership cards are to be given to Ron Wilkins.

Books from Charis Books & More were shown by Carolyn Mobley.

The meeting was adjourned.

Madame

Madame Edna Brown, Secretary

Richard Capland for Eleanor
256-5500

Frank

521-0630 Marie

Jan at Brawner
435-9142/435-9204

Lanier Plaza
873-4661

Bobbie

AFRICAN-AMERICAN LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE

Minutes from General Meeting
May 21, 1995
Present: Board Members
Steve Walker, Exec Dir.; Charles Harvey, Dir. of Corr; Charles Dotson, Dir. of Pub. Info.; David Lee, Dir. of Fin.; Barry Barnes, Dir. of Mem.; Alicia Davis, Dir. Women's Rel; Ken Harris, Dir. Soc. Activ.; Lujack Tyler, Dir. of Pol. Aware.

General Membership
12 Members

I. General Business

1. Ratification of By-laws tabled until next meeting. Motion Proposed by Steve Walker, motion made by Alicia Davis, and seconded by David Lee. One member questioned whether there was an overlap of duties for Social Director, Director of Correspondence, and Dir. of Public info. and Director of Membership. Steve pointed out the need for each director having specific duties.
Member Michael Crawford questioned age limit being set for individuals 18 and over. This issue will be addressed at the time when by-laws are ratified

2. Presentations from Board Members:
   a. Charles Harvey - Wants to be involved in AIDS awareness for all age groups, and general fellowship.
   b. Ken Harris - Reception for Rev. Phillip Matthews at The Ranch during Juneteenth week.
   c. Charles Dotson - focusing on getting media to recognize group through interviews with various Board members.
   d. David Lee - oversees finances. Wants to see group presented as a focal point of positive images.
   e. Alicia Davis - to increase involvement of women. Wants to focus on women's health issues. STD's are a large concern for Lesbians.
   f. Barry Barnes - Wants to eventually move recruitment from Bars. Wants to increase membership of women. Plans to set up info table in fron of JR's bar. Expects Juneteenth activity to be a major recruitment activity. Wants to increase name recognition for group. Made contact with Image magazine as a good media contact.
   g. Steve Walker - Started group after attending Black Gay Lesbian Leadership Forum in Los Angeles Earlier this year. Was very frustrated about the lack of participation of Houston black gay people to such an important event. The BGLLF had no point of contact in

Houston. Has a strong desire to have an organization to address political and social issues affecting Black gay Houstonians. Wants AALGA to be a link to other organizations in the city and on a national level.

3. Steve Walker proposed the position of Director of Cultural Awareness. The purpose of the position is to keep the group abreast of significant holidays and events of i interest to AALGA members. Person would also contribute to the Newsletter. Alysa_____ agreed to become interim director.

4. A motion was made by Steve Walker to table election of board until the next general meeting. Motion seconded and received unanimous approval.

II. New Business

1. AALGA will participate in Gay Pride Parade. May march with the Lesbian group Sisters. Event to take place 2;00 PM June 25.

2. Spectrum '95 - AALGA may set up booth. Charles Harvey and Barry Barnes will make contact with Spectrum people.

3. Juneteenth Mixer - Honoring Rev. Phillip Matthews on June 17. Rev Matthews is the Gay minister of Cathedral of Hope Church of Dallas Texas. Rev. Matthews Will speak at MCCR on June 18. Houston Gay-Lesbian Political Caucus will be a participant with AALGA on the event.

4. Alicia Davis presented her idea for the AALGA logo. It is a black facial silhouette imposed over a pink triangle. The rainbow colors stream from the hair of the silhouette. The logo proposal received positive feedback.

5. The Offices of Standing Committees was presented to AALGA members by Steve Walker. It is proposed that the chair of each committee be a non board member. It is also proposed that the HOPE (HIV Outreach and Preventative Education) Committee be a separate 501.c3 entity to take advantage of funds available for AIDS awreness/prevention.
   a. HOPE
   b. Fundraising Committee
   c. Voter Registration Committee
   d. Black, Gay and Proud
   Please see attachment to the Minutes for Standing Committee Chairs and members

6. LuJack Tyler a young black gay activist and writer was presented to the group and will serve as Director of

Political Awareness.

7. Member Michael Moss presented the idea of AALGA establishing and Advisory Board of prominent community leders. This will be considered.

Official Business of the general meeting concluded at 7:15.
Next meeting June 11, 1995. Time to be announced.

ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING:

12 MEMBERS 8 NON-MEMBERS

COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW-UP WITH NON-MEMBERS BY WAY OF THANK-YOU CARDS AND TELEPHONE CALLS.

AND ALSO THE COMMITTEE WILL SEND "THINKING OF YOU" CARDS TO DEXTER MCGOWAN AT HOME AND DARRYL MCKAY AT THE VA HOSPITAL.